

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY 23, 1824.

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MR. JACKSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of War, respecting a military road, from fort St. Phillip to the English Turn,

REPORTED:

That your committee has had the same under consideration, and fully agree in the sentiment expressed in the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana, that fort St. Phillip is a post of the utmost importance to the defence of New Orleans, being the only fortress to oppose the approach of an enemy to that city by the river Mississippi; and that that fort may be very much endangered by reason of the extreme difficulty of communicating with it. That during the late siege by the British forces, this difficulty was sensibly felt; and it was greatly feared that it might lead to its capture, for the want of a road by which it could be reinforced: Your committee, therefore, view a military road leading from fort St. Phillip to the English Turn, as absolutely necessary to the defence of New Orleans, and to the safety of that fortress in a state of war; and have reported a bill, authorizing the President to cause the said military road to be made, agreeably to the report of the Engineer Department, and the memorial of the Legislature of Louisiana, herewith presented, for the information of the Senate.

